

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## RYAN WHITE REAUTHORIZATION (AIDS)/Spousal Notification

**SUBJECT:** Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Act of 1995 . . . S. 641. Helms amendment No. 1853.

### ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 98-0

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 641, the Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Act of 1995, will authorize "such sums as may be necessary" through fiscal year (FY) 2000 for the Ryan White CARE Act.

**The Helms amendment** would prohibit funds authorized under this Act from going to a State or any subdivision thereof or from otherwise being obligated or expended in a State unless that State "takes administrative or legislative action to require that a good faith effort shall be made to notify a spouse of an AIDS-infected patient that such AIDS-infected patient is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus." The effective date of the amendment for each State would be the January 1 of the calendar year following the first regular session of that State's legislature following the date of enactment of this Act.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

If one spouse has AIDS the other spouse has a right to know about it. Only 12 States, though, have laws requiring notification. Many States forbid doctors or others to inform one spouse when the other has AIDS. Senator Helms learned of this issue several years ago when a congressional aide brought in her mother to tell him how she had been infected with the deadly virus by her husband, who knew he had AIDS but did not tell her. Since that time, efforts have been made to require notification, but have been stopped due to the politics surrounding the AIDS issue. Politics should be put aside and AIDS should be treated as the public health threat that it is. People who are in danger of getting this disease from their spouses have a right to know they are in danger so that they can protect themselves. The Helms amendment would pressure States to adopt spousal notification laws by withholding AIDS funding if they do not. The amendment deserves our strong support.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.**

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YEAS (98)				NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (2)	
Republican (53 or 100%)		Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (1)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Hollings			Bennett- <sup>2</sup>	Simon- <sup>2</sup>
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Baucus	Inouye				
Bond	Jeffords	Biden	Johnston				
Brown	Kassebaum	Bingaman	Kennedy				
Burns	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kerrey				
Campbell	Kyl	Bradley	Kerry				
Chafee	Lott	Breaux	Kohl				
Coats	Lugar	Bryan	Lautenberg				
Cochran	Mack	Bumpers	Leahy				
Cohen	McCain	Byrd	Levin				
Coverdell	McConnell	Conrad	Lieberman				
Craig	Murkowski	Daschle	Mikulski				
D'Amato	Nickles	Dodd	Moseley-Braun				
DeWine	Packwood	Dorgan	Moynihan				
Dole	Pressler	Exon	Murray				
Domenici	Roth	Feingold	Nunn				
Faircloth	Santorum	Feinstein	Pell				
Frist	Shelby	Ford	Pryor				
Gorton	Simpson	Glenn	Reid				
Gramm	Smith	Graham	Robb				
Grams	Snowe	Harkin	Rockefeller				
Grassley	Specter	Heflin	Sarbanes				
Gregg	Stevens		Wellstone				
Hatch	Thomas						
Hatfield	Thompson						
Helms	Thurmond						
	Warner						

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business  
2—Necessarily Absent  
3—Illness  
4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea  
AN—Announced Nay  
PY—Paired Yea  
PN—Paired Nay

